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1. TERMINATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM IN LAOS
SHOULD NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT LAW ENFORCEMENT
ASPECTS OF NCAP. IN SHORT RUN, MISSION BELIEVES IT
NECESSARY TO ASSIGN FOUR FULL-TIME PUBLIC SAFETY
NARCOTICS ADVISORS TO CONTINUE LAO NARCOTICS
CONTROL PROGRAM. THIS, IN FACT, IS A NET REDUCTION
OF ONE PUBLIC SAFETY NARCOTICS ADVISOR AS REPORTED
IN REFS C AND D.

2. IN OCTOBER, WHEN USAID MISSION UNDERWENT AN
OVERALL REDUCTION OF PERSONNEL, TWO PS NARCOTICS
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ADVISORS WERE TERMINATED. AS STATED IN REF B, PS

NARCOTICS ADVISOR CRAIG WILL DEPART IN JUNE 1974. PLAN IS TO TRANSFER TWO PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORS, CHAN AND MILLER (FOR SIX MONTHS) ON JULY 1 TO NARCOTICS PROGRAM. PS ADVISORS MCBEE AND YOUNG, NOW NARCOTICS FUNDED, WILL CONTINUE IN NARCOTICS PROGRAM, RESULTING IN TOTAL OF FOUR PUBLIC SAFETY NARCOTICS ADVISORS FUNDED IN FY 75.

3. THE MISSION BELIEVES THAT TRANSFER OF CHAN AND MILLER (FOR SIX MONTHS) TO CARRY OUT POLICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS UPGRADING EFFORTS AND TO COMPLETE CRIMINAL AND SUSPECT IDENTIFICATION AND RECORDS SYSTEM ARE VITAL TO THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF US/RLG OBJECTIVES IN THE NARCOTICS PROGRAM. DEA IS IN AGREEMENT WITH TRANSFER BECAUSE BOTH OF THESE PROJECTS ARE ONGOING AND RELATE DIRECTLY TO THE NARCOTICS PROGRAM. COMPLETION OF THE RECORDS SYSTEMS WILL BE ACCELERATED BEYOND ORIGINAL PLAN, AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED DURING FIRST SIX-MONTH PERIOD OF FY 75. DEA DOES NOT BELIEVE IT FEASIBLE TO PERFORM THIS FUNCTION WITH THEIR OWN PERSONNEL WITHIN SUCH SHORT TIME FRAME. TELECOMMUNICATIONS UPGRADING EFFORTS HAVE BEEN A CONTINUOUS RESPONSIBILITY OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR ALL ENFORCEMENTS ELEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NARCOTICS PROGRAM (E.G., DEA, PSD, CUSTOMS). SINCE MR. CHAN HAS BEEN AN ADVISOR NOT ONLY TO THE LNP BUT HAS ASSISTED BOTH DEA AND CUSTOMS, THE MISSION BELIVES IT NECESSARY TO CARRY ON THIS FUNCTION, AND DEA IS IN AGREEMENT.

4. NO FY 74 OR FY 75 BUDGETARY CHANGES WILL BE NECESSARY TO FUND THE TWO ADVISORS THAT WILL MOVE FROM PUBLIC SAFETY TO PS NARCOTICS PROGRAM. WHITEHOUSE

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